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SUBJECT : EGYPTIAN VISIT

1. EGYPTIAN PRIME MINISTER HEGAZI AND HIS LARGE PARTY LEFT BAHRAIN NOVEMBER 24 AFTER 24-HOUR OFFICIAL VISIT WHICH GOB OFFICIALS DESCRIBE PRIVATELY WITH EVIDENT SATISFACTION AS "QUITE SUCCESSFUL". COMMUNIQUE INDICATES VAGUELY AGREEMENT TO INCREASE TRADE, "COORDINATE" INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT, AND MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, TO FACILITATE PRESENCE OF EGYPTIAN TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN BAHRAIN AND TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR BAHRAINIS IN EGYPT. LILLIPUTIAN VERSION OF "JOINT COMMISSION" TO BE FORMED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. GOB FOREIGN MINISTER SEEMED PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH RESULTS VISIT DESPITE ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEM OF PUTTING UP "ALL THOSE EGYPTIANS" FOR THE NIGHT. HE
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TOLD ME "WE GOT MORE OUT OF THEM THAN WE GAVE." ON

MORE SERIOUS NOTE HE EXPRESSED OBVIOUS RELIEF AND PLEASURE GULF ARAB LEADERS FEEL THAT EGYPT IS ON GOOD TERMS WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN AND PLAYING CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN GULF RATHER THAN PREACHING REVOLUTION AS IN NASSER ERA.

3. GOB INFORMATION MINISTER, IN EXPLAINING PRIVATELY THAT GOB ATTACHES REAL IMPORTANCE TO TECHNICAL/EDUCATIONAL HELP EGYPTIANS ARE PROMISING, SAID THAT BAHRAIN'S "CONTRIBUTION" TO EGYPT AS RESULT OF TALKS NOT INSIGNIFICANT IN RELATION TO BAHRAIN'S NATIONAL INCOME. (COMMENT: HE APPARENTLY REFERRING TO BAHRAIN'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARD RABAT SUMMIT PLEDGES. LAST WEEK AMIR TOLD ME THAT WHEN "RICH ARABS STARTED THROWING MONEY AROUND AT RABAT" HE FELT COMPELLED TO GIVE SOMETHING. SAID HE VOLUNTEERED "TWO MILLION" (PRESUMABLY DOLLARS). ADDED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER IMMEDIATELY NUDGED HIM URGING THAT HE PLEDGE "FOUR MILLION" BUT AMIR TOLD HIM "IF WE CAN AFFORD FOUR MILLION LET'S LEAVE TWO OF IT HERE AND SPEND TWO BACK HOME IN BAHRAIN". END COMMENT).
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